GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 70 lakh children in the age group of six to 14 years in the country are deprived of school education;

(b) if so,the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enact the Right to Education Law;

(e) if so,the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(c) As per data furnished by the State/UTs on the basis of household surveys/updation of data,the number of out of school children has declined to above 45 lakhs by March,2008 in the 6-14 years age group.

(d)&(e) Yes,Sir.

(f) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is a national programme for universalization of elementary education,wherein interalia,efforts are made to bring such children who face difficulties and hardships,into formal schools/alternative schools.